

RICHARD M. HADEN.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 532.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. BRABSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard M. Haden, praying Congress to grant him a pension, beg leave to report:*

That they have examined said memorial and the accompanying certificates, and find the following to be the facts contained therein:

Richard M. Haden states that he was a soldier in the war of 1812; that he volunteered under Captain Mica Tarel; afterwards Captain Tarel was elected colonel of the 7th regiment, and Thomas Miller was elected captain in his place. The regiment was a part of the 3d brigade commanded by John E. King. The brigade marched to Canada, was engaged in the battle of the Thames, where he was wounded in the leg. Three musket shot struck his leg, fracturing the bone. After he returned home, being discharged, his wound healed up, and he suffered but little from it for some time; but in a few years it broke out, making a permanent sore, and has made him a confirmed cripple, having to use crutches. His fellow soldiers who knew that he received the wound in battle, as far as he knows, are dead. He is about seventy-seven years old, is entirely disabled, and lives upon the charity of the world.

He received two land warrants, one for 40 acres, the other for 120 acres, several years since.

Twenty-nine gentlemen of the county of Bledsoe, where said Haden resides, certify that they are well acquainted with Richard M. Haden, and that they believe his statement to be true. Two physicians certify to Haden's present disability; that he has an ugly ulcer of long standing on the lower part of the leg; an old wound on the same leg just below the knee, evidently a gun-shot. He has lost the sight of one eye, and is fast losing the other. For some time the county court has supported him. The records show that he received the two land warrants, which is evidence that he established to the satisfaction of

the proper department the fact that he was in the service. His age, poverty, and decrepitude, render him incapable of procuring testimony necessary to bring him within the existing laws and rules of the Pension office.

Your committee, under the circumstances of this case, recommend that Congress direct the Commissioner of Pensions to place the name of Richard M. Haden on the rolls of invalid pensioners.